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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR "DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY" STATUS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 5409

B. VIENTIANE 5436

1. REFTELS REPORT JULY 11 AMBUSH OF COMMERCIAL BUS TRAVELLING BETWEEN LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE IN WHICH FOUR PERSONS WERE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED. TWO OF DEAD PASSENGERS WERE BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR BORTHWICK TO LAOS, AND WOUNDED WAS MISS C. THOMPSON, AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN. MISSION REACTED TO EARLY REPORTS THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE AMONG DEAD AND WOUNDED BY DISPATCHING ASSISTANCE. MISS THOMPSON WAS FLOWN DIRECTLY TO 432 USAF HOSPITAL UDORN FOR TREATMENT. BODIES OF BORTHWICKS WERE ALSO LATER FLOWN TO UDORN.

2. MISS THOMPSON WAS TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE BACK AND HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED AT 432 USAF HOSPITAL SINCE JULY 11, AS THERE WAS NO AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL FACILITIES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAILAND. THERE WERE NO ALTERNATE FACILITIES TO WHICH MISS

THOMPSON COULD BE MOVED, ONCE TREATMENT BEGAN. MISS THOMPSON IS UNABLE TO PAY COSTS OF \$133 PER DAY INCURRED FOR HER TREATMENT.

3. GIVEN THE UNUSUAL AND TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INCIDENT AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA, WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT THE USG ABSORB THE COSTS OF MISS THOMPSON'S TREATMENT. MISSION REQUESTS THAT APPROVAL BE SOUGHT FROM DOD TO ABSOLVE MISS THOMPSON OF THE COSTS INCURRED FOR HER TREATMENT AND THAT MISS C. THOMPSON BE CONSIDERED A "DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY". WHITEHOUSE

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